

not have an AED, and tragically, Travis died because treatment could not be administered fast enough.

Since Travis's death, his family has campaigned to raise awareness of SCA and to get AEDs placed in schools. To date, several schools in the southern California area have implemented AED programs, including the Murrieta Valley Unified School District, Temecula Valley Unified School District, San Jacinto Unified School District and Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego.

California has proclaimed September 12 as Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Day, to honor those who died as a result of sudden cardiac arrest. Awareness about sudden cardiac arrest and ensuring defibrillators are available in schools and other public buildings can save lives. Raising awareness of sudden cardiac arrest is a task worthy of Congress's attention.

COMMENDING THE WORK OF SAMARITAN HOUSE ON ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2007

Mr. JORDAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I take tremendous pride in recognizing the staff and volunteers of Samaritan House, a shelter for homeless and abused women in Lima, OH.

The seeds of Samaritan House were sown more than two decades ago, when Pastor Doneta Warren opened her home to an abused woman and her children. Word of this selfless Christian act spread quickly to others in need, who came to Pastor Warren to see if she might also have room for them. Recognizing that the area lacked a permanent place where those in abusive relationships could seek help, Pastor Warren worked with the Catholic Diocese of Toledo to found Samaritan House on the site of a former convent.

Since its founding, Samaritan House has assisted more than 10,000 women and children in times of need, providing food and shelter, job training services, recovery support programs, and other needed help. A staff of nine dedicated professionals works round the clock to provide this assistance, working with a 15-member board of directors to ensure that the House's mission and outreach activities are best carried out.

Madam Speaker, Samaritan House is marking its 20th anniversary with a fundraising dinner and silent auction this Wednesday. On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Ohio, I congratulate everyone who has worked and volunteered to make Samaritan House successful through the years. The people of Allen County and the entire region can take great pride in this life-changing facility.

HONORING PALM BEACH COUNTY NULITES

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2007

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the NULITES of the

Urban League of Palm Beach County. NULITES is the National Urban League Incentive To Excel and Succeed. These fine young people focus on academic achievement and are actively involved in improving their communities. The Palm Beach County chapter has been awarded NULITES Chapter of the Year for the third time. Having been chosen from among NULITES chapters across the country, this is a very impressive accomplishment of which we can all be very proud.

Fadley Charles, a Florida State University student who is president of the chapter, stressed that, as Chapter of the Year, Palm Beach County NULITES have a "responsibility to strive for better, respect all others, celebrate achievement, create a better future, care for each other and promote an empowering environment like no other." With three individual winners of scholarships in addition to Chapter of the Year honors, obviously, Palm Beach County NULITES are fulfilling their promise. It is my very great pleasure to recognize them today, and I know we will be hearing more good things about them in the future.

CONGRATULATING MR. REMY DUFRESNE

HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2007

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of my constituents, Mr. Remy Dufresne of Highlands Ranch, Colorado, who will attend a People to People World Leadership Forum in 2008. His outstanding academic merits and communal involvement have laid a solid foundation of individual integrity and dedication: both characteristics of a qualified leader. I am honored to represent such a promising young man.

Created in 1956, the People to People Program is an educational travel program dedicated to fostering leadership potential in youth worldwide. People to People has helped more than 200,000 students and professionals develop their leadership skills based upon Dwight D. Eisenhower's belief that "people can make a difference where governments cannot." This unique interaction and exposure will enable Mr. Dufresne to gain a greater understanding and insider's perspective of Washington, DC.

Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to acknowledge one of Colorado's own. Please join me in congratulating Mr. Dufresne and wishing him the best in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL THORNTON FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Michael Thornton, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 138, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Michael has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Michael's interest in working with community and veteran affairs inspired him to clean and preserve over 200 headstones of fallen soldiers at Ashland Memorial Cemetery. Over the years Michael has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Michael Thornton for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2007

Mr. ROSS. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday, September 6, 2007, I was not present for rollcall vote 857.

Had I been present for rollcall 857, on agreeing to the King amendment to H.R. 2786, the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2007, I would have voted "aye."

On Wednesday, July 25, 2007, I was not present for rollcall vote 728.

Had I been present for rollcall 728, on agreeing to the Etheridge amendment to the FY08 Commerce, Justice, Science appropriations bill, I would have voted "aye."

INTRODUCTION OF UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON AN OPEN SOCIETY WITH SECURITY ACT OF 2007

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 10, 2007

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the United States Commission on an Open Society and Security Act; expressing an idea I began working on when the first signs of the closing of parts of our open society appeared after the Oklahoma City bombing tragedy, well before 9/11. I introduce this bill on the sixth anniversary of 9/11 because the bill grows more urgent as increasing varieties of security throughout the country proliferate without any thought about their effect on common freedoms and ordinary access, and without any guidance from the government or elsewhere. The bill I introduce today would begin a systematic investigation that takes full account of the importance of maintaining our democratic traditions while responding adequately to the real and substantial threats terrorism poses.

To be useful in accomplishing its difficult mission, the Commission would be composed not only of military and security experts, but for the first time, they would be at the same table with experts from such fields as business, architecture, technology, law, city planning, art, engineering, philosophy, history, sociology, and psychology. To date, questions of security most often have been left almost exclusively to security and military experts. They